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Testimony to the Public Health Committee

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Good Morning members of the Public Health Committee.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) Supports H.B. No. 5911 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRUCTURING OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (EMSAB).

The current EMSAB has 41 members which is far too big to be efficient. An analysis of other States' EMS Advisory Boards or Commissions has shown that none are the size of Connecticut's. Most number about 20 members or less which is a far more manageable size.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association advocates for a review and restructuring of the EMSAB. Such a review is an opportunity for the State to reevaluate the makeup of the board and to assure that the appropriate stake holders are represented.

Therefore, CPCA encourages the Public Health Committee to Support this bill.